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Call for Art: Main Street Fountain Sculpture

Budget: \$7,500 - \$10,000

Background: The City of Yuma Division of Arts and Culture seeks to commission an artist to design, create, and install a large scale sculpture to be incorporated in the existing fountain structure located on the sidewalk in front of 224 S. Main Street in Historic Downtown Yuma.

In September 2020, the previous fountain's structural integrity was compromised and the fountain had to be removed. The water pump and surrounding cement basin/pool remain intact and usable. As a highlight of Main Street and entry way to the 224 Main Street, the fountain has been a great place to take a photo, take a seat and in general enjoy Yuma's beautiful and historic downtown. In seeking a replacement fountain and encouraging the growth of the public art scene, the City of Yuma seeks a sculpture that can incorporate a unique water feature of some sort. The desired sculpture must address or include the following information in the submission:

1. Must include a running water feature (spouting, aerating, cascading, etc).
2. Must be a minimum of ten feet tall and twelve feet wide. Please take into consideration of the dimensions provided and accommodate the base of the sculpture. Refer to dimensions on page three.
3. Must be compatible with a standard low volume fountain pump.
4. Must be of original design and concept. Designs must not breach intellectual property, trademarks, brands, business names, or corporations.
5. Must be viewable in the round or from all angles.
6. Can be of any medium, but artists should consider structural and surface soundness and materials that can withstand outside and uncovered weather conditions as well as inherent resistance to theft, vandalism, and excessive maintenance and repair costs. Artists will be required to outline in their proposal their own experience with the material.
7. If selected, must be able to fabricate and install no later than May 30, 2021.

Minimum Qualifications

1. Artists must be 18 years of age or older.
2. Artists must have experience creating large scale, multi-dimensional works of public art.
3. Provide proof of general liability insurance or statement of intent to acquire general liability insurance.

Submission process and requirements: Submissions due by January 27, 2021 to Arts@yumaaz.gov.

When submitting please use "Main Street Fountain" in the subject line.

1. Proposed design rendering (to scale). Please include aerial and side views, indicated relevant viewpoints.
2. Proposal description including relevant information about the design, list of materials and water feature function.



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3. Proposed budget.
4. Artistic resume including past sculpture commissions and two professional references.
5. Certificate of general liability insurance or statement of intent to acquire general liability insurance.

Evaluation Criteria: The design will be selected and approved by the Historic Design and Review Commission, the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission, and the Downtown Merchants Association.

1. Visual impact.
2. Interpretation and creativity
3. Composition and design
4. Craftsmanship
5. Design criteria and eligibility guidelines met.

For questions or more information please contact Lindsay Benacka, Arts and Culture Program Manager at Lindsay.Benacka@yumaaz.gov.

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Fountain basin dimensions:

